

## Environmental Legislation Update

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### 1. NATIONAL LEGISLATION

#### 1.1. ACTS

No new items of relevance during this time period.

#### 1.2. BILLS, WHITE PAPERS

##### **Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

- Disaster Management Amendment Bill, 2015, notice of intention to introduce and explanatory summary published.  
(Gen N70, GG38419, 30 January 2015, pg16)

#### 1.3. GENERAL / BOARD NOTICES / REGULATIONS

##### **Natural Scientific Profession Act 27 of 2003**

- Fee structure for 2015/2016 published and BN 45 in GG 37534 of 4 April 2014 retracted.  
(w.e.f. 1 April 2015)  
(BN7, GG38419, 30 January 2015, pg26)

### **National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998**

- Amendments to the regulations on the fees for consideration and processing of environmental authorisations and amendments thereto. (w.e.f. 23 January 2015)  
(Gov NR43, GG38417, 23 January 2015, pg3)

### **National Environmental Management Waste Act 59 of 2008**

- Amendments to the regulations on the fees for consideration and processing of applications for waste management licences, transfer and renewal thereof. (w.e.f. 23 January 2015)  
(Gov NR44, GG38417, 23 January 2015, pg4)

## 1.4 **RULES, GUIDELINES & POLICIES**

No new items of relevance during this time period.

## 1.5 **LEGISLATION FOR COMMENT**

### **National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004**

- Norms and Standards for the translocation of indigenous species in South Africa.  
(Gen N44 GG38395, 15 January 2015, pg 3)

### **National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act**

- Draft Research Regulations.  
(Gen N16, 38388, 16 January 2015, pg36)

## **2. PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION**

### 2.1 **FREE STATE**

#### **National Environment Management Act: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003**

- Intention to declare the Sneeuwberg Protected Environment.  
(PN130, PG91, 16 January 2015, pg2)

### 2.2 **EASTERN CAPE**

#### **National Environment Management Act: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003**

- Intention to declare nature reserves and protected environments: Lammergeier Highlands Nature Reserve; Sedarkloof Nature Reserve; Molweni Protected Environment; Cedarville Protected Environment; Renosterberg Protected Environment; Bergplaas Nature Reserve; and Noorsveld Protected Environment.  
(PN1, PG3326, 20 January 2015, pg3)

## 2.3 **KWAZULU-NATAL**

### **Kwazulu-Natal Heritage Act 4 of 2008**

- Notice of intention to confer Provincial Heritage Landmark Status on Kwa Muhle Museum published for comment.  
(PN8, PG 1304, 29 January 2015, pg12)

## **3. LOCAL LEGISLATION**

### 3.1 **KWAZULU-NATAL**

#### **uMhlathuze Local Municipality**

- Amendment to By-laws relating to Stormwater Management.  
(MN1, PG1292, 8 January 2015, pg 3)
- Amendment to the Possession and Discharge of Fireworks By-Laws.  
(MN3, PG1292, 8 January 2015, pg 9)

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